HUMANS OF FAITH



-Sally Ruitenberg-

If you could be great at any Olympic sport, what would it be?

I would have loved to get so good in tennis to play at the Olympic level, even if I lost first round or was a back up!

What's your favorite Bible verse and why?

Psalm 8: 'When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers...what is man that you are mindful of him, that you care for him. You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!' The psalm acknowledges God's splendor, his love for us and our duties on this earth to care for others and the earth.

When was the last time you did something for the first time?

I just started taking Zumba classes. What fun to try to learn and fail and learn new steps and movements!

If you were a potato, how would you like to be cooked?

Cut up, seasoned and roasted on a sheet pan.

Which natural phenomenon brings you joy?

The soul soothing horizontal line of a body of water.

Church Calendar

This WeekJune 1Door Monitor- Steve RuitSound/Video- Paul CusackProjector- Linda Van LentenNursery- Alyssa Morin, Judy VerrengiaKidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Mary van der MeerCoffee- John & Barb BelanusPrayers Of The People- Bob JacobsChildren's Message- Bill FaasseKidSpace- Cheryl Cusack, Gloria KangChosen- Emma Faasse, Emily Lotz

Next Week June 8

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenberg Sound/Video- Stephen Miller Projector-Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Sue Grimm, Jack Delaney KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Renee Kobovitch Coffee- Linda Van Lenten, Julanna Klaasen Prayers Of The People-Children's Message- Paul Cusack KidSpace- Kelly Delaney, Diane Tolsma Chosen- Bill Faasse, Tanya Calaski

What's your favorite hymn?

Hymn #383 in grey hymnal: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded. The poignancy of the Lent season and Jesus dying on the cross for us gets to my heart and mind with the words, melody and harmonization of this hymn (from Bach in St. Matthew's Passion).

What are your favorite hobbies/pastimes?

I love to garden, exercise, play tennis, bike, read, and watch on TV: bodies (or teams) move while they follow a ball or in defense of that ball, ie: basketball, tennis, volleyball or golf.

Tell us about your family.

Dave and I have 3 sons, Noah, Ethan and Henry. Noah and Kelly are proud parents of baby Eli John born on May 9!

What's a book you wish you could read again for the first time?

I have 2 books I would love to read again. "Evensong" by Gail Godwin made me reflect on the mystery of faith. And Claire Keegan's short book, "Small Things Like These" speak of the 'unknown knowns'.



TODAY, June 1,

• Is the seventh Sunday of Easter & Ascension Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY, June 8,

- Is Pentecost
- We will be installing our new slate of Elders & Deacons

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, we will hold a congregational meeting following worship to vote on incoming Council members. Dennis Kuiken, Krissy Vande Vrede and Phil Verrengia will be going on as Elders and James Calaski and Bev Bentley will be going on as Deacons.

VBS Update: A PRAYER CALENDAR is included with the bulletin this week to pray during the month of June for VBS. Children in pre-K to 4th grade are invited to attend VBS which is planned for August 18-22. Please sign up soon, space is limited! We will also have a *brief* overview and question and answer time regarding VBS after the congregational meeting today. Please contact Carol Dunning, Bev Bentley, Barb Belanus, or Linda Van Lenten with any questions or if you are able to help out.

A Meal Train has been set up for Becca, Lydia and big sister, Avery, to assist in their first weeks home as a family of 4. Please visit mealtrain.com/63eedy or see Kelly to sign up!

Book study: Join us as we continue our discussion of "God and the Gay Christian". We'll meet in the Barn on Sunday, 6/22 from 7-8:30p to discuss chapters 4-6. For more information, see Amy Brooks or Andrew van der Meer.

Singles are invited to the Singles' Ministry of our church for a "Red, White, and Blue" picnic and talent show on Saturday June 14th at 6 pm. Sandwiches, salads, and dessert will be provided. The meal will be followed by scripture, prayer, praises, and the *Talent Show*! Contact Carol at 973-523-5072 or email <u>cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Heirborne updates! Join us on June 4th for our end of year **Celebration Dinner** at The Barn in Wyckoff, NJ (359 Sicomac Ave) from 6-7:30pm. This is for all current Heirborne kids, and we ask that you please drop off and pick up your child at the Barn at those times. The cost is \$10 per person and the rest will be covered by the churches. Any questions feel free to call or text Rick at 973-464-6986.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center's 2025 Baby Bottle Boomerang! Help support Lighthouse's mission by taking a baby bottle from the narthex and filling it with your donation. Donations can include filling the bottle with change, cash or checks. We will be collecting bottles in the box in the narthex through Father's Day. Please see Judy Verrengia with any questions. **The Brass Factory** will present a concert, *George Gershwin, An American Classic*, on Friday, June 6th at 7:30 pm at Cedar Hill Church. This will be the last concert for their 2024/2025 Concert Series.

MADISON AVE CROSSROADS UPDATE- Madison Ave Crossroads' Emergency Food Pantry is one of the approved sites for food distribution from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Due to severe cuts from the federal government, the Community Food Bank has significantly reduced the available food Madison Ave can receive. One way to help is to donate any nonperishable foods. Please place in the bin in the narthex and see Kelly with any questions.

CROSSROADS SUMMER CAMP – Are you looking for an exciting summer experience that includes games and sports, creating crafts, or acting in drama and theater? Kids entering 2nd grade through 8th grade are invited to join us at Crossroads Summer Camp located at Rockpoint Community Church. \$125 per week (+card processing fee) starting June 23-August 15. Register at <u>www.therockpoint.org/crossroads</u>. Call 973-427-1418 with any questions.

Paddle the Passaic River- 2 hours on the Passaic (no experience necessary!). Watch for the beauty of egrets and herons and learn the history of the Passaic from our river guides. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and 8-10 people per group are recommended. Other paddling destinations are possible. To put together a group or for more information and scheduling please contact Pastor John Algera at jaalgera@gmail.com or 973-342-7272.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WINDMERE:

- Join us for a Classic Car Show at Windmere on Tuesday, June 10th from 6-8 pm. If you would like to participate with your car, please RSVP to 973-427-4078, ext. 612 ore email <u>kcarrero@hchnj.org</u> (raindate: Tuesday, June 17).
- Summer Night at the Gazebo- Enjoy the VFS Jazz Band outdoors at our gazebo! (Weather permitting, otherwise inside the Chapel). June 24 from 6-8 pm with light refreshments. RSVP 973-427-4078, ext. 612 but walk-ins are welcome too.
- Downsizing to a Senior Community Made Easy- Are you considering a move to a community like Windmere, and wondering what to do with all of your belongings? Join us on Wednesday, June 25 at 3 pm for an enlightening panel on when and how to downsize. Enjoy refreshments and expert tips to simplify your move, whatever stage of planning you are in. To RSVP, call Lori @ 973-807-3250.

Special Collections:

June 8- ECSA/FCCRC Scholarship Fund

June 15- New Hope

June 22- Don Stoel Memorial Fund

June 29- Madison Ave Crossroads

A total of \$732 was raised for SNL Youth Groupthank you for your support!

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Please keep *Charlie Ackerman* in your prayers. He has been battling multiple health issues, including a Graves disease diagnosis, a lesion on his spine and suffering from a minor stroke.

Edna Hoogerhyde has returned home from her stay at Christian Health. Please continue to keep Edna & Carl in your prayers.

Please keep *Helen Van Olden* in your prayers as she receives treatment for skin cancer.

Betty Youngsman remains at Christian Health for rehab.



6/3 Stephen Miller 6/8 Julanna Klaasen 6/8 Erin Selby

